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SUBJECT: STRAUSS WITHDRAWS "HEUBL" SUITS AGAINST STERN AND SPIEGEL

1. JULY 21 EDITIONS OF MUNICH PAPERS GAVE HEAVY PLAY TO  
JUNE CSU ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PARTY CHAIRMAN FRANZ JOSEF STRAUSS  
HAD WITHDRAWN HIS OUTSTANDING LAWSUITS AGAINST ILLUSTRATED  
MAGAZINE "STERN" AND "SPIEGEL". STRAUSS HAD SUED SPIEGEL FOR  
HAVING ALLEGED THAT CSU DEPUTY CHAIRMAN HEUBL SAID "IT  
TAKES A GENTLEMAN TO BE MINISTER-PRESIDENT OF BAVARIA AND STRAUSS  
ISN'T ONE." HE HAD SUED STERN FOR ALLEGING THAT HEUBL SAID,  
AFTER BUNDES RAT APPROVAL OF THE POLISH AGREEMENTS, "STRAUSS  
IS OUT, NOW HE'S DRUNK."

2. JULY 20 CSU ANNOUNCEMENT SAYS THAT STRAUSS' DECISION TO  
WITHDRAW SUITS WAS PREDICATED ON: (A) SUGGESTIONS FROM CSU  
"CIRCLES" AS WELL AS HEUBL HIMSELF; (B) UNAVAILABILITY  
OF WITNESSES WHICH MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO CLARIFY MATTER  
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WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS AS STRAUSS AND HEUBL DESIRED; AND

(C) STRAUSS' DESIRE NOT TO DIMINISH HIS POLITICAL  
ENERGY AND EFFECTIVENESS SHORTLY BEFORE THE BUNDESTAG  
ELECTIONS.

3. COMMENT: REAL REASON FOR STRUASS' DECISION APPEARS  
TO BE DESIRE TO BURY THE "HEUBL AFFAIR" AS A POLITICAL  
ISSUE BEFORE THE BUNDESTAG ELECTION CAMPAIGN GETS INTO  
HIGH GEAR. FACT THAT CSU CHAIRMAN BRANDT (MUNICH 1669  
NOTAL) AND THE SPD AND FDP ORGANIZATIONS IN THE BAVARIAN  
LANDTAG HAVE MADE THE "HEUBL AFFAIR" THE FOCAL POINT  
OF HEAVY ATTACKS ON CSU SEEMS TO HAVE IMPELLED STRAUSS  
TO ACT.BETTS

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